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GEN. THOMAS J. BUTLER.

**The Arizona Pioneer and Politician
Passes Away at Pacific Grove,
Cal., of Heart Failure.**

Gen. Thomas J. Butler of Prescott, Ariz., a pioneer and prominent politician, died at Pacific Grove Sunday morning of heart failure. He and his wife have been wintering at Pacific Grove for the benefit of Mr. Butler's health, which is very delicate.

Gen. Butler came to California across the plains in 1849, settling in Tehama county, where he engaged in mining. After having spent several years in Idaho, General Butler came to Arizona, where he was appointed territorial treasurer by Governor Tittle. He held that office continuously for ten years. President Harrison appointed him receiver of public moneys for Arizona. About ten years ago he retired from public life.

General Butler was born in Bedford, Ind., in 1826. In 1880 he married Miss C. E. Blake of Boston. His brother, John D. Butler, resides at Palo Alto, Cal., and two sisters reside in the East.

Degree of Honor.

On Monday night, in the Elks' Hall, a lodge of the Degree of Honor, A. O. U. W., was instituted. The lodge was instituted and the officers installed by Mrs. Carrie Raymann and Mrs. Mary B. Alden of Colorado, both officials of the grand lodge. Thirty-five members were initiated and after the initiation a banquet was served.

The following is the list of officers of Victory Lodge, No. 5: P. C. H., Mrs. A. N. Taylor; C. of H., Mrs. A. A. Dutton; L. of H., Mrs. J. R. Treat; C. of C., Mrs. Clark Hitt; recorder, Miss M. H. Wallace; financier, Mrs. T. C. Fryer; receiver, Mr. J. C. Grim; L. U., Mrs. Jas. Lamport; inside watchman, Mrs. D. L. Hogan; outside watchman, Mr. J. C. Williams. Trustees—H. C. Hibben, Mrs. M. M. Fisher, Mrs. W. E. Norman.

Mrs. Alden and Mrs. Raymann left Tuesday for Williams, where they expect to organize a local lodge, and they will also organize lodges at Jerome and Prescott.

Gas Explosion at Globe.

An explosion occurred this afternoon in the rear of the Taylor Cyclone store. It was caused by overfeeding an acetylene gas plant with carbide, which generated an over-production of gas. The explosion was spontaneous, and luckily no one was near. The plant is badly wrecked, the top being blown through the top of the corrugated iron roof of the shed covering it, and was found on the top of the building next door, having cut a hole in the tin roof thereof. Other parts were blown some distance, while every pane of glass in the rear part of the store, and in the storage rooms behind, were blown out. Otherwise no particular damage was done. The noise of the explosion was heard all over town, but no one paid any attention to it, thinking a blast had been put off, until it was all over, when a large crowd gathered to view the wreck. —Silver Belt.

Moved to Phoenix.

The surveyor-general will open up his office in Phoenix Monday morning. The furniture and records have been packed up and will be shipped on the first freight train to-night over the Southern Pacific and taken over the M. & P. to Phoenix by the first train out of Maricopa, so that the office will be ready for business in Phoenix on Monday. Mr. Price and the employees of the office will leave for Phoenix, some to-night and some to-morrow night. The order providing for the removal is posted at the old office here and in the postoffice. It states that the president has directed the removal of the office to Phoenix, and is signed by Binger Hermann, commissioner of the land office.

The office will be located in the eastern half of the north wing of the capitol at Phoenix. It will be on the first floor. Four rooms and a large vault for the storage of the records have been set aside for the use of the surveyor-general. The northeast room will be used for the draughting department. It has the advantage of being very light. The offices there will be fire-proof and for that reason the records will be safer than when kept here. The surveyor-general's office has been located in the same building in Tucson for over thirty years, and in cleaning up preparatory to removal a great deal of unnecessary records had to be sorted out and destroyed. The employees of the office have been very busy for the past few days packing up their effects for shipment.

The members of the surveyor-general's force have many friends in the city who regret that the president has seen fit to order the removal of the office to Phoenix. The entire force will accompany Mr. Price. —Tucson Citizen.

Kingman Should Have One.

Last Sunday, through the courtesy of C. M. Funston of the COCONINO SUN, the editor had the pleasure of visiting the business men's club at Flagstaff. In the main part of the building there is a reading room and billiard parlor, where the gentlemen were assembled, some enjoying the games, while others were reading the late papers and magazines. In the basement a long room is fitted up as a bowling alley and gymnasium, where lovers of ten-pins or the athletic sports can enjoy this kind of recreation.

Kingman should try and imitate Flagstaff's example in this respect. It would not be a great while before our people could have a nice place of recreation, and the cost of maintaining such an institution would hardly be felt, providing a good membership could be organized before starting in. Let's try it. Good results are bound to follow. —Kingman Arrow.

Outlaws Corraled.

On Wednesday Deputy Sheriff John Parks, assisted by several other deputies and four rangers, arrested Wit. Neil, J. Cook and Joe Roberts on Blue river, about forty miles from Clifton.

They are supposed to belong to the Smith gang of outlaws, and are also wanted in Eastern New Mexico for some very grave crimes committed there a few months since. The outlaws were heavily armed, but the plan of capture had been so well arranged that they offered no resistance.

Dwelling Burned.

On Thursday afternoon the residence of Sarah Dillinbaugh, in the northwest part of town, was destroyed by fire, together with its contents. The alarm was given about 3 o'clock, but the flames had made such headway as to be beyond the control of the firemen, and their efforts were devoted to the saving of surrounding property. The Pioneer and the Nevin hose companies were at the fire. The fire was caused by an overheated stove. Miss Dillinbaugh built a fire in a heating stove and was called to a neighbor's. During her absence the fire started, and when discovered every part of the house was in flames. None of the household goods were saved. The loss is estimated at \$1,000, insured for \$700. This is the second fire experienced by Miss Dillinbaugh. A few years ago her residence and contents were burned. She is a hard-working woman, and the loss to her is a severe one, as the insurance covers a loan on the property.

The County Must Pay.

A telegram from Washington says that the United States supreme court has affirmed the decision of the territorial supreme court in the celebrated Yavapai county railroad bonds and holds that the county is liable for the amount of the bonds. This is the case in which the county issued bonds to aid in the construction of a railroad, paid interest on the bonds for seven years, redeemed a portion of the bonds and then refused to pay further interest on them.

The case has been in the courts for four or five years and the Democratic party has made the bonds a political issue for two campaigns by espousing repudiation of the bonds. This decision can really be no surprise to any one, as it has been a foregone conclusion to every intelligent citizen that the country would be compelled to pay the bonds. The case was very ably defended on the part of the county by Judge R. M. Ling, district attorney, and he made a strong fight to have the bonds declared illegal.

This decision will take the question out of politics, and while there is no one will deny that the payment of them will work a great hardship on the county, there are few who will contend that as a matter of justice to the purchasers of them the decision could have been otherwise. —Journal-Miner.

Gave Himself Up.

It will be remembered that about one year ago ex-Sheriff Ed Beeler of Apache county was shot from ambush and killed while he was engaged in hauling some fence posts on a ranch just across the Arizona line in Socorro county, New Mexico. Some time before this killing ex-Sheriff Beeler killed Monte Slaughter in a saloon or store in Springerville, Arizona. When Keeler was killed it was given out officers who investigated the affair that Pat Slaughter, a cousin of Monte Slaughter, was one of the men who killed Beeler. A man named Jewell was said to have been with Slaughter at the time Beeler was killed. Officers have been on the lookout for Slaughter and Jewell ever since. Last week Pat Slaughter surrendered to the authorities of Socorro county and will stand trial for the crime charged against him. —Solomonville Bulletin.

Example Should be Followed.

The board of supervisors of Coconino county recently called a meeting of the citizens of that county to get a consensus of opinion in the matter of the bill now before congress modifying the charter of the Santa Fe Pacific Railroad Company. District Attorney J. E. Jones, E. M. Doe and E. S. Clark were appointed a committee to prepare a statement of fact and the conditions affecting the liability of the railroad company to taxation upon its right-of-way across the territories, and to recommend suitable action to be taken by the several counties affected in relation thereto. The gentlemen, in conformity with the resolutions of the people assembled, prepared a plain statement of the matter of the exemption of the old Atlantic & Pacific from taxation, but set up the fact that in the recent sale of the road under foreclosure of mortgage the transfer had not embraced the right of exemption from taxation. The matter was most ably handled by these legal gentlemen. Acting on the recommendation of this report the board of supervisors adopted a resolution protesting to congress against the proposed modification of the transfer to the Santa Fe Pacific of the old Atlantic & Pacific grant and right of tax exemption. A neat pamphlet has been gotten out, in which the matter is fully exploited, and a copy is to be sent to each and every member of congress. Coconino supervisors have gone about the subject in the right way and their example could be profitably emulated by the supervisors in other counties. —Kingman Miner.

Murder and Suicide.

James Parks, a miner well known all over Arizona, and at the time employed by the Copper Queen Company, on Monday night shot and killed his wife and then put a bullet through his own head. They were married about a year ago, Mrs. Parks having been divorced from a previous husband. Their married life was a series of bitter quarrels owing to incompatibility of temperament and the fact that Parks was penurious in supplying the woman with money, though he loved her passionately. Both stood well in the community, and there was no breath of scandal attaching to either.

Mrs. Parks had refused to live with her husband, and went to Naco, a few miles from Bisbee, where she was stopping with a niece. Monday night, when Parks quit work, he secured a livery team, drove to Naco, and unceremoniously entering the room where his wife and niece were sitting, asked her to return to him. She refused, saying she would rather take poison. He said: "You will not have to," and immediately shot her through the abdomen. Then he said: "I cannot live without her," and placing the revolver to his own temple, he fired again, dying instantly. His wife lingered till Tuesday morning.

DeMund Brothers of Phoenix are making arrangements to erect a saw-mill near Challender and a planing mill at that place. This week they purchased from B. H. Crow a half section of timber land, and from J. B. Smith and R. J. Kinser each a quarter section. Each quarter section brought \$2,000. It is understood that the work of building the mill will commence at once and Challender will again become a busy point.